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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING IMAGE FORMING
OPERATION OF AN IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS (As Amended)

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 28, 2007 in the above-captioned application, in which the three-month shortened statutory period for responding thereto runs to February 28, 2008, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include attached four replacement drawing sheets.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 15 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 5, 6 and 8. These sheets, which includes Figs. 1 and 4-8, replaces the original sheets including Figs. 1 and 4-8. In Fig. 1, reference numerals 15 and 16 are deleted. In Fig. 5, Ts2, Ts1, Tf2 and Tf1 are changed to ts2, ts1, tf2 and tf1, respectively. In Fig. 6, labels YES and NO are added to step ST503. In Fig. 8, Te and Td are changed to Td and Tb, respectively.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (4)